

**Mecklenburg County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Regular Meeting  
January 25, 2018**

**Members Present:** Terri Stowers, Wanda Douglas, Scott Littlejohn, Russell Price, Eric Johnson, Darryl Johnson, Gene Lim, Darrell Gregory, Kevin Poirier, Sarah Greene, Denise Steele-Campbell, Heather Taraska, Brittney Bogues, Keith Cradle, Cotrane Penn, Noel Thomas-Lester, Sonya Harper, Ashleigh Fields

**Staff Present:** Scott Stoker, Elizabeth Swann

**Guests Present:** Reggie McNeil-TYM, Shannon Chambers-TYM, Claude Whitfield-TYM, Crystal Whitfield-TYM, Michael Chambers-TYM, Taquita Grisson-TYM, Shavonda McClure-Tresports, Connie Harper-Tresports, Sharon McNeil-TYM, Glenn Smith- Life Connections, Jonelle Giulianelli-Life Connections, Marcus Kirkman- Life Connections, Sheila Funderburke-ULCC, Peter Fink-Project 658, Robert Reynolds-Tresports, Kendra King-Market Your Mind, Cara Evans-Patterson-CMPD Diversion, Barium Springs-Becky Smith, Miriam Pearson-CMPD Diversion, M. Radley (guest of Wanda Douglas), Shannon Chambers-TYM Inc, Steven Platt-Liaison for Hope Ministry,

*Members Absent:* Louis Trosch, Beverly Dorn-Steele, Delynn Turner, Anna Marsicano, Aundrea Dean,

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by the JCPC Chair Terri Stowers. Quorum was established.

**Welcome**

Round table introductions for JCPC Council member and programs seated at the table. Lieutenant Gene Lim will be taking over from Lieutenant Celestine Ratliff, Lieutenant Lim has been with CMPD for 19 yrs working in various divisions.

**Announcements / Reminders**

The attendance requirement is now 65% of all regularly scheduled committee meetings.

The inclusion of special and assigned subcommittee meetings is no longer applicable, its 65% of all regularly scheduled meetings. There are no excused absences. Members cannot miss three consecutive regularly scheduled committee meetings.

**Approval of the agenda for January 25, 2018:** Terri allowed Council members to review the agenda. Russell Price made a motion to approve the agenda. Darrell Gregory seconded. The JCPC Council unanimously approved the agenda.

**Approval of the minutes from November 16, 2017:** Terri allowed Council members to review the minutes. Darrell Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Cradle seconded. The JCPC Council unanimously approved the minutes.

**Program Presentations: *SHIFT Restitution & Community Service***

***Reggie McNeil & Shannon Chambers*** - Handouts were provided

SHIFT connects court-involved and diverted youth to service opportunities that enhance social skills, connects youth to meaningful service opportunities with positive adults and places in the community, promotes civic engagement and helps adjudicated and diverted juveniles to take responsibility for their actions by engaging in services that benefits the community and allows them to earn up to \$500.00 at a rate of \$7.25 per hour towards victim restitution.

**Discussions:**

- T. Stowers
  - Explain the task of the restitution?  
The restitution account is funded with JCPC funds which the youth earns \$7.25 per hour for completing service and at the end of their service the full amount is paid directly to the victim or thru the Clerk of Courts and then given to the victim for restitution.

**Program Presentations: *Tresports Positive Action Program***

*Shavonda McClure*, Handouts were provided

Tresports was founded and organized by Robert Reynolds, Jr, in 2002 for the support and development of the student athlete. Students are encouraged to reach for academic excellence while emphasis is placed on community service, education scholarships, character development and athletic achievement. Tresports goals are to keep youth arrest free and ensure they are safely supervised and guided in the community during high crime hours, increase the number of youth who are attending school regularly and performing at grade level, improve family functions and help parents provide a safe, nurturing environment for their children.

**Discussions:**

- S. Greene
  - What is included in the SPEP score?  
SPEP scores are based on the type of service, quality of service, contact hours with the duration of the youths that participate in the program and the risk level of the children that are served.
- C. Penn
  - How do you monitor each child and their progress in performing at grade level and attending school regularly?  
An academic sheet has been implemented so each child must obtain a signature from the teacher noting if homework must be completed or additional assistance is required.
- G. Lim
  - Referencing the CMPD kickback program, how are officers selected and how many are currently participating?  
Previous relationships were established, we are currently affiliated with the North Tryon division with approximately 4 officers.
- A Fields
  - Have your numbers decreased recently due to lack of referrals?  
This year we only agreed to served 45 youths due to a decrease in funding.
- K. Poirier
  - Do you have the information regarding your reduction in recidivism rates?  
22 students enrolled in the Fall session of those 14 didn't re-offend, 3 offended, 5 still awaiting data. There were 82% of the clients that didn't re-offend.

Terri encouraged all the JCPC council members to do various site visits so they can gain a deeper understanding of each program and its operations by attending program functions and/or monitoring visits.

### **Agenda Action Item: Request for Proposal Approval**

Sarah Greene shared that the intent is to increase emphasis on providing services to help the youths improve in school behavior and performance and address trauma symptoms which is indicated in the program type priorities.

Sarah made a motion to add the following language to the Request for Proposal, on page 8 under *heading (5) RFP Evaluation, Decisions and Outcomes, at the end of the Evaluation paragraph*:

- Previously funded programs will be evaluated on if the program operated at or near capacity in the last calendar year; whether measurable objectives were met; recent SPEP scores will be reviewed and for currently funded programs if their funding request has increased or decreased, is it clear, why. Heather Taraska seconded.

Terri asked for a motion to approve adding the language for existing programs as it pertains to the scoring tool. The JCPC council unanimously approved the motion to append the language for existing programs as it pertains to the scoring tool.

Terri asked for a motion to approve the Request for Proposal. Darrell Gregory made a motion to approve the Request for Proposal. Denise Steele-Campbell seconded. The JCPC Council unanimously approved the Request for Proposal.

A mandatory Mecklenburg County RFP training will occur on:

#### **JCPC Pre-Bid Sessions Information**

February 8, 2018                      2:00pm-5:00pm  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rm# 267

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      9:00am-1:00pm  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rm# 267

### **Agenda Item: Reports**

*State-* S. Stoker

- The RFP process is explained in the Pre-Bid Information session and what is expected from the programs. Regarding the funding program client tracking list, most of the programs are on target to serve the expected number of youths.  
These programs below have low numbers, these current numbers are what has been admitted, however there might be open referrals, it has already passed the 6-month mark.

	Number Served to Date	JCC Referrals
Give n Go	6	0
Project 658	11	0
ULCC	23	17

There have been 738 kids served this fiscal year and 531 are court referred. Juvenile court numbers are up from about 80 kids, complaints have increased by 200. Mecklenburg County has seen an increase from this time last year.

Raise the Age forums are hosting a series of regional meetings across the state to assist the Department of Public Safety in sharing the latest information. Deputy Secretary William Lassiter shares information on best practice programming for older juveniles, local data to use in planning, transition challenges and funding for new programming, he will address specific concerns about the new juvenile population to be served.

**County-** S. Harper

- County IT is working on setting up OneDrive to assist with RFP applications. Terri will be presenting to the BOCC board on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Monitoring Committee-** S. Littlejohn:

- M. Griswold is currently working on the monitoring reports for the remaining programs.

**Risk & Needs-** S. Greene

- RFP is completed.

**By-Laws Committee-** A. Dean

- No report

**Program Support /Services-** W. Douglas

- First training scheduled for February 13th, The Resilience the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope. The training is provided by Sarah Greene and Wanda Douglas. Quarterly trainings will proceed after January, still submit ideas about training and support needed.

**Nominating Committee-** K. Cradle

- No report

**Executive Committee-** T. Stowers

- All the committee chairs are invited to attend the Executive committee meetings.

**Funding Committee-** H. Taraska

- No report

Darrell Gregory congratulated Keith Cradle on receiving his doctorate.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Terri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Darrell Gregory seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm

*Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Swann*